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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

The enclosed Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated April 14, 2004 for the above identified patent application.

This Amendment and Response includes the following:

A Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 5,872,237;

A Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,025,130;

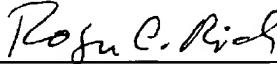
Amendment to the Claims as shown in the list of claims beginning on page 2; and

Remarks beginning on page 8.

No fees, other than those for filing two terminal disclaimers, are believed to be due with this Amendment and Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee(s) to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013 (order no. 043018-999087).

Respectfully submitted,

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